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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

B. Chen et al.

Serial No.: 08/704,445

Filing Date: August 26, 1996

For: METHOD OF PREVENTING
DEPLETION OF NON-AUTOLOGOUS
HEMATOPOIETIC CELLS AND
ANIMAL MODEL SYSTEMS FOR USE
THEREOF

Examiner: S. Ziska

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the issues raised in the Office Action issued March 5, 1996 (the "March 5, 1996 Office Action"), in the parent application (Serial No. 08/169,293) upon which the above-referenced file wrapper continuation application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.62 was filed.

Prior to examination of this application on the merits, Applicants request that the following remarks and the attached Declaration of Ben Chen be considered by the Examiner.